

## **ABSTRACT**

A method of measurement of proximity of a second contour  $[(CM)]$  to a first contour, comprises for each point of the first contour, a step of association with a point of the second contour determined as the closest, and a step of pairing each point of the second contour with one or zero points of the first contour, by determining the point of the first contour which is closest from among the set of points of the first contour that are associated with said point of the second contour.

A method of automatic identification of targets applies this proximity measurement process to determine the measure of proximity of a template contour, applied as second contour, to an image contour, applied as first contour.